

## Supporting our Troops

These are the projects Congressman Bright requested through the Subcommittee on Military Construction, VA.

### MILCON

Fort Rucker Hangar

\$25,000,000

Fort Rucker

453 Novosel Street

Fort Rucker, AL 36362

This project would fund the construction of an Aircraft Maintenance Hangar and an Air Operations and Training facility at Fort Rucker. Fort Rucker houses about one-fourth of the Army's aircraft fleet and flies about one-third of the active Army's flying hours. A larger facility is necessary to meet the spike in number of missions and pilots. Currently, maintenance is being performed in facilities that cannot accommodate the growing demand and in some instances, performed in substandard, outdoor conditions. The maintenance activity is performed around the clock with only ten non-active days a year. There is no surge capability under current facility constrained operations, which compromises both safety and efficiency and challenges effectiveness as well.

The new facility would include a supporting shop, parts storage, avionics, administrative, restrooms, and break, training and conference facilities. Phase I of the project would include the construction of a standalone maintenance hangar to service rotary wing aircraft with 16 maintenance bays, a taxiway connector to the existing ramp, and a new aircraft parking apron. Maintenance bays would be equipped with overhead bridge cranes, fire alarm and suppression systems, Ground Service Equipment (GSE) covered parking and integrated mechanical support systems. This project is a wise use of taxpayer funds because it would increase Fort Rucker's ability to meet the Army's aviation readiness requirements during a time in which our troops are serving overseas.

Squadron Officer College Lodging, Phase 5

\$14,400,000

Maxwell Air Force Base

55 LeMay Plaza South

Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

This project would provide funding to construct adequate dormitory and living quarters to accommodate students that attend one of the courses that are offered at the Squadron Officer School (SOS) and International Officer School (IOS) at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base. The project would replace the existing deteriorated lodging and dormitory facilities. Existing facilities were constructed in 1956 with only limited and minor upgrades over the years. Adequate quarters are not available off-base because the local community cannot provide the number of rooms required for the schools to effectively operate. New quarters would provide an appropriate degree of individual privacy which is essential for successful training. Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base is a valuable part of the greater Montgomery area. This project is a wise use of taxpayer funds because it would raise an important component of Maxwell-Gunter to modern standards.

Water Survival Training Facility

\$8,600,000

Fort Rucker

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Fort Rucker, AL 36362

This project would fund the construction of a Water Survival Training Facility (WSTF) at Fort Rucker. The WSTF would allow for the consolidation all of the Helicopter Overwater Survival training, maintenance staff, equipment, and students into a single training facility. It would house all underwater egress training which is required for all flight school students prior to leaving Fort Rucker. The facility would also be home to both the Army Aviation Water Egress Center of Excellence and the Aviation Life Support Equipment (ALSE) Center of Excellence. Academic training, pool training and management operations that currently occur in separate locations would be consolidated within one, state-of-the-art facility. The facility would also be capable of simultaneously training multiple classes in the pool with the use of technologically advanced water egress simulators. Dunker and ALSE academic classes will be consolidated in the same building with common access to the pool facility. This project is a wise use of taxpayer funds because underwater egress training is critical for maintaining safety for Army aviators and is an essential facility at Fort Rucker.